

REMARKS

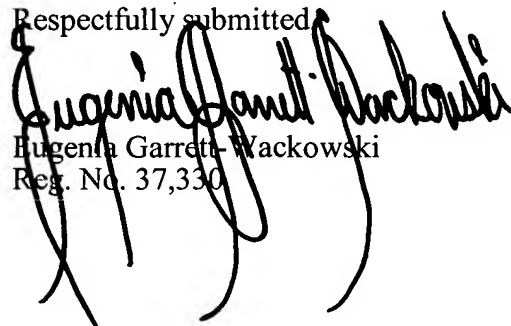
The amendments to the specification add no new matter. The above-captioned application claims priority to U.S. Application No. 08/068,896 ("the '896 application") (*see*, Application Data Sheet). The '896 application is incorporated by reference in its entirety (*see*, page 87, lines 3-4 of the specification). The amendment to page 42 of the specification referring to the spot size of the array is taken verbatim from page 13, lines 19-21, of the '896 application. As such, no new matter has been introduced. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the present Preliminary Amendment.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,

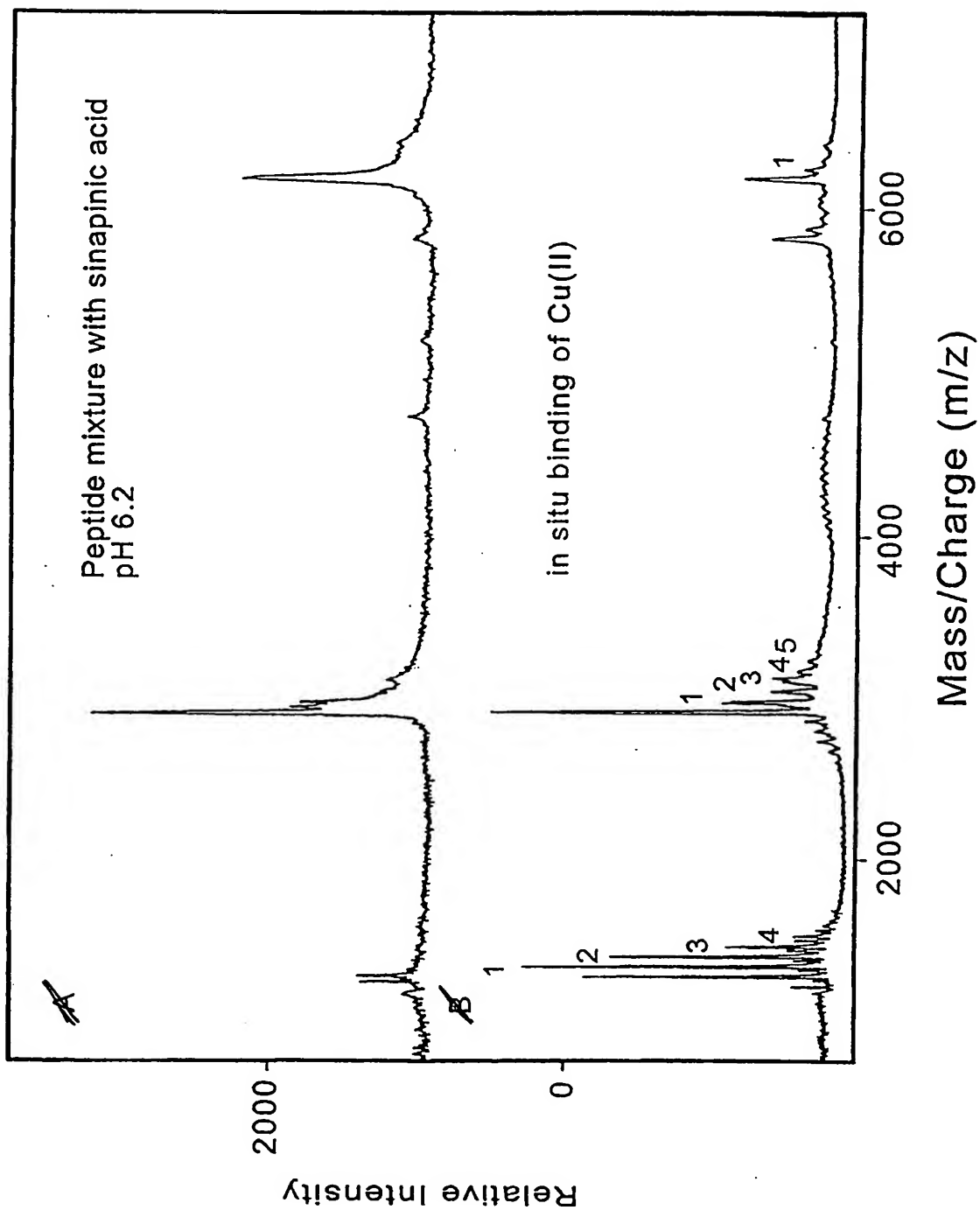


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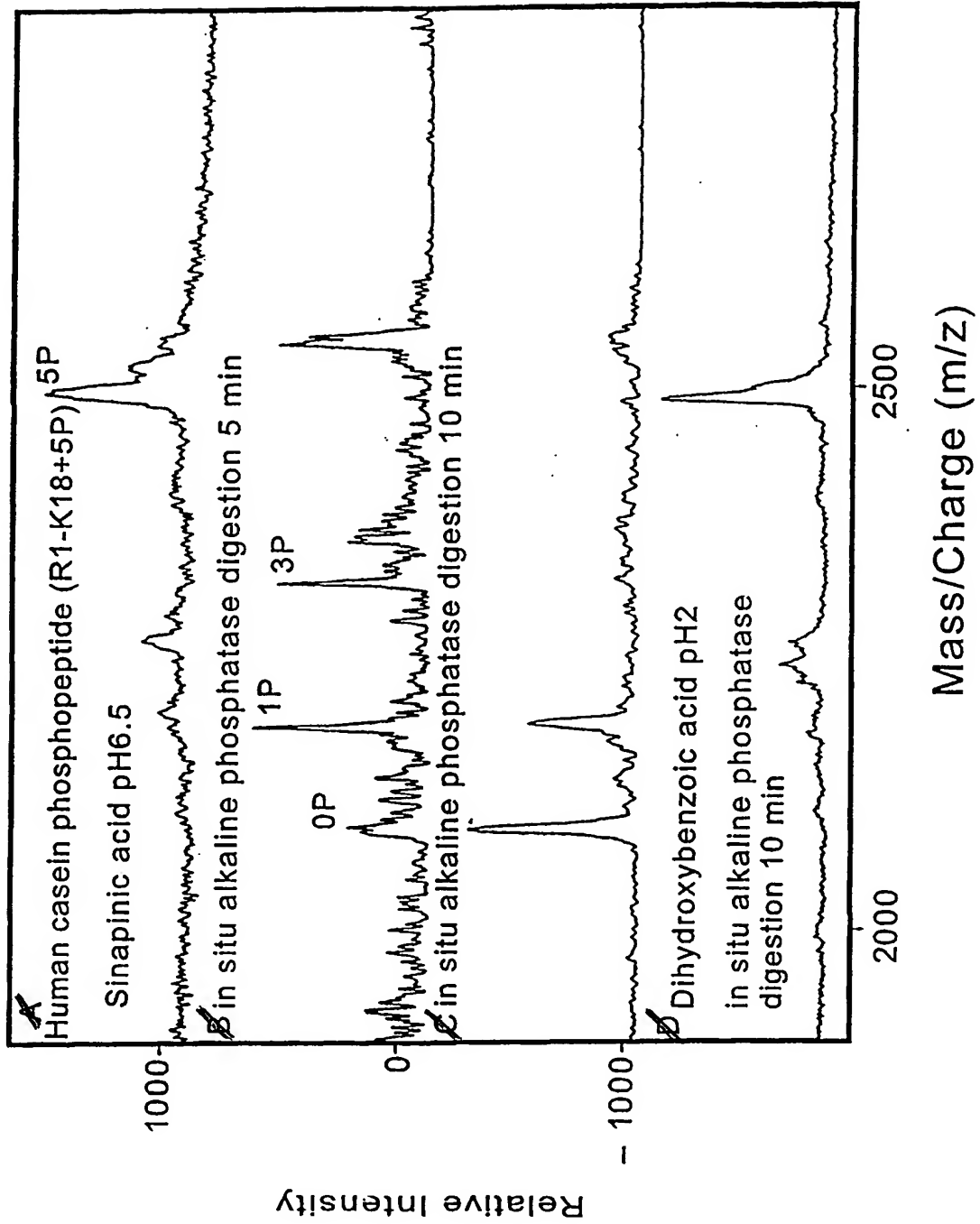


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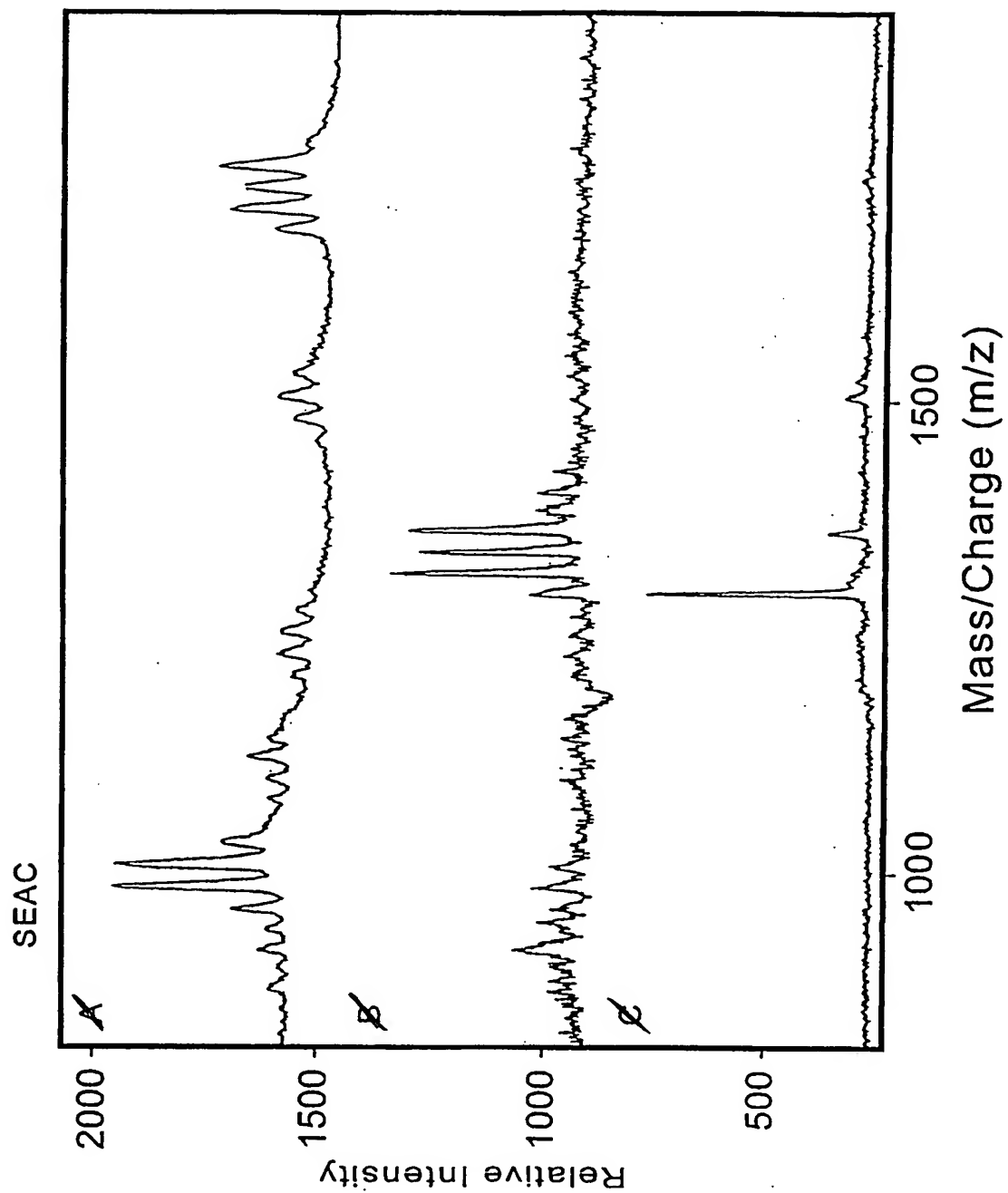


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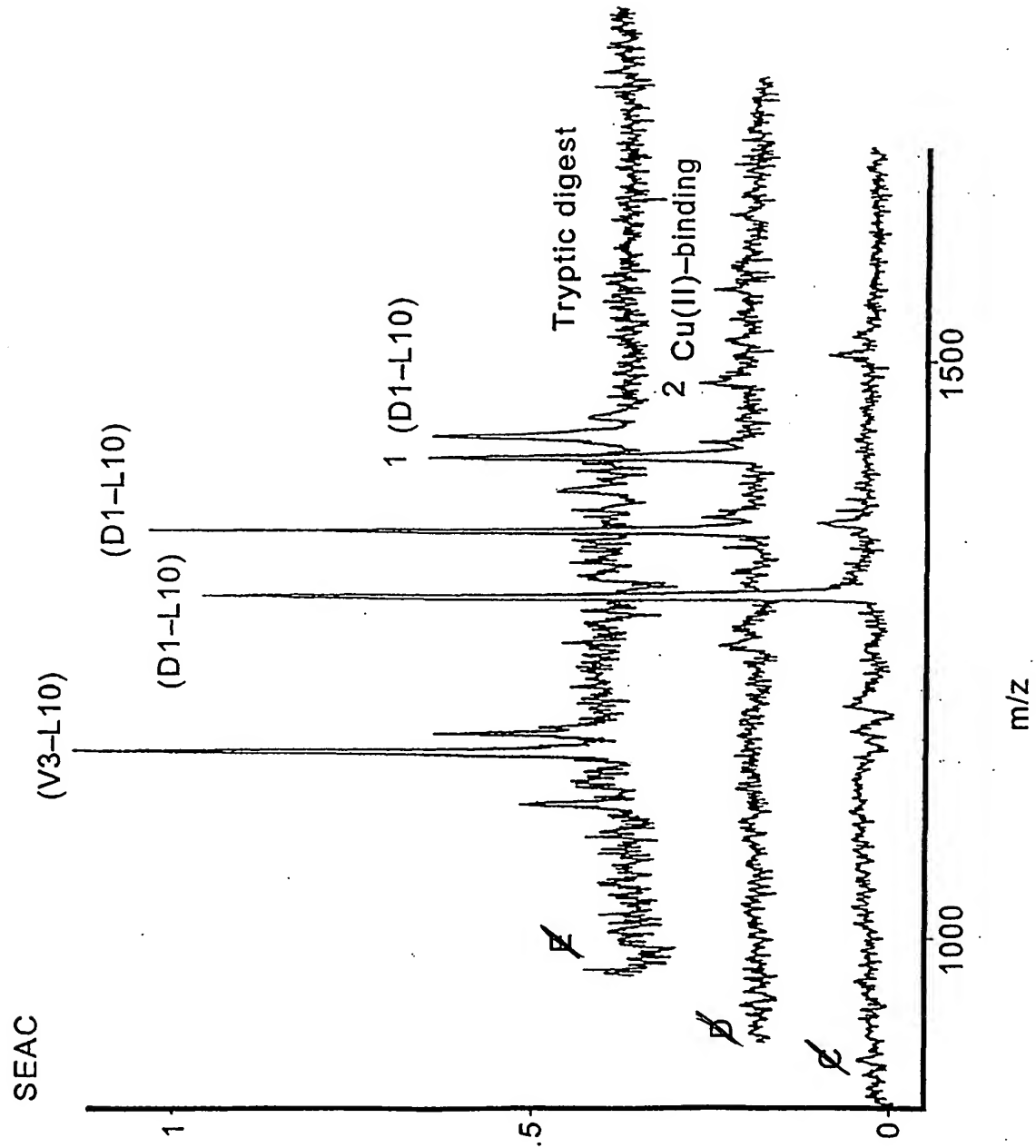


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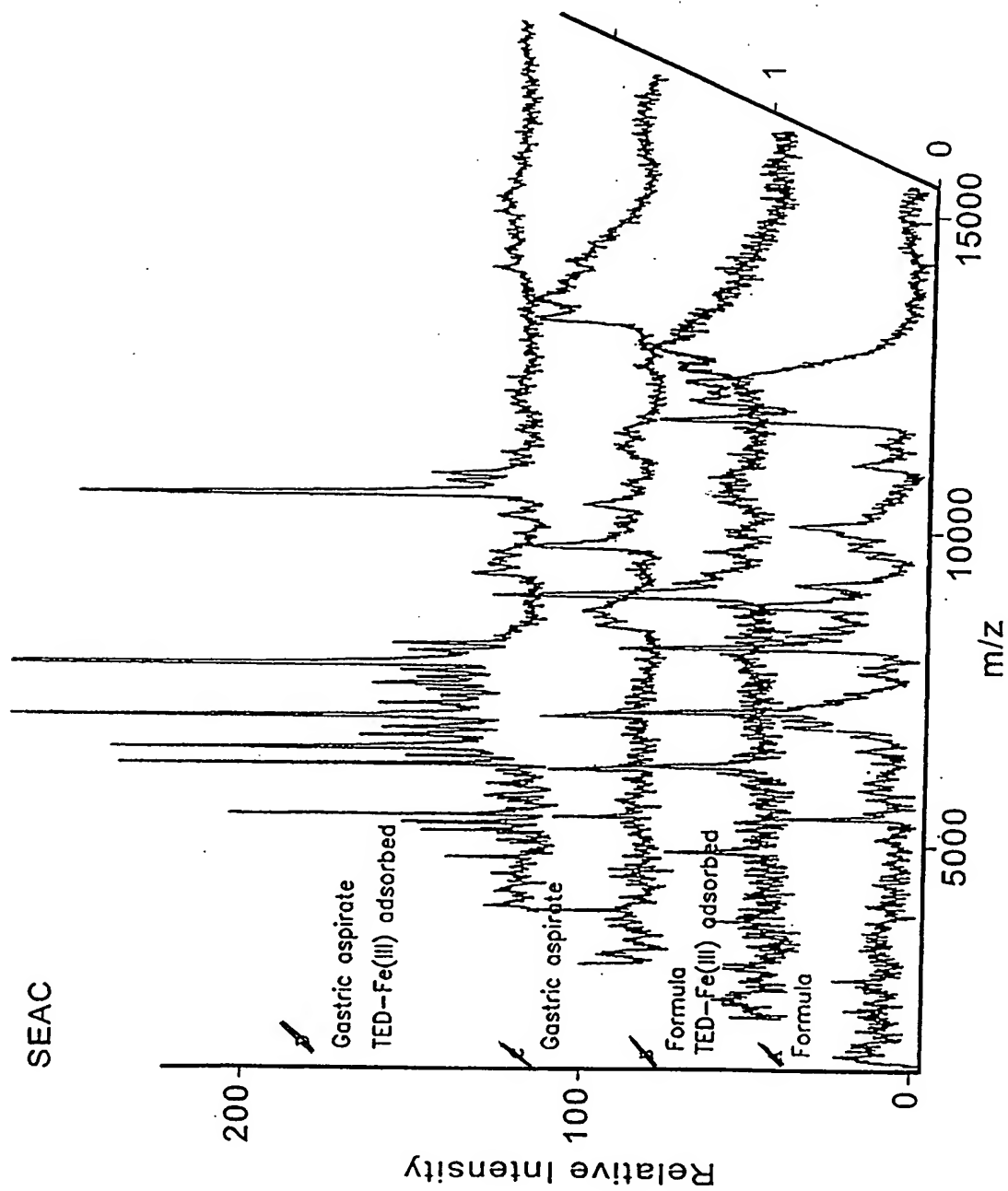


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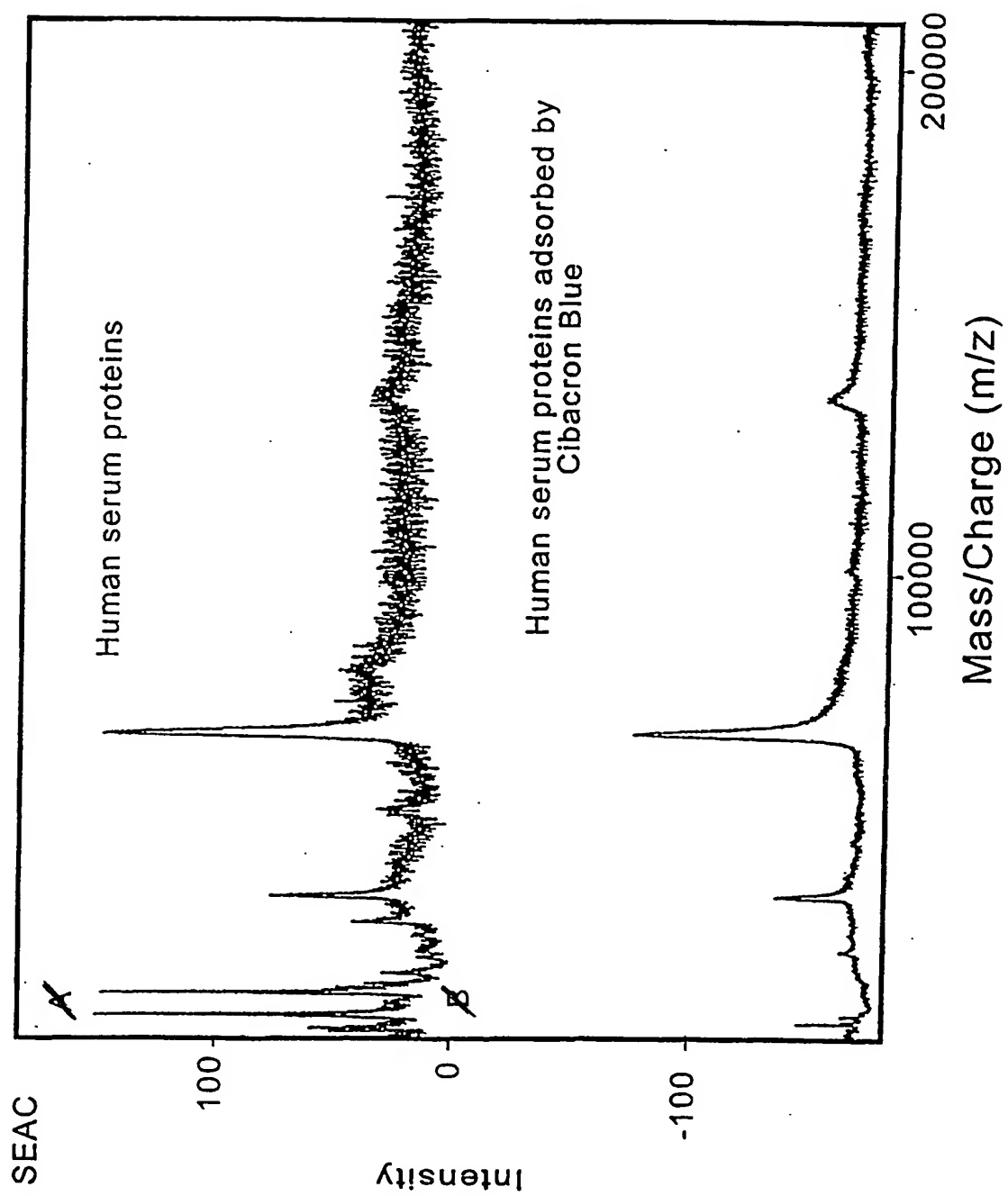


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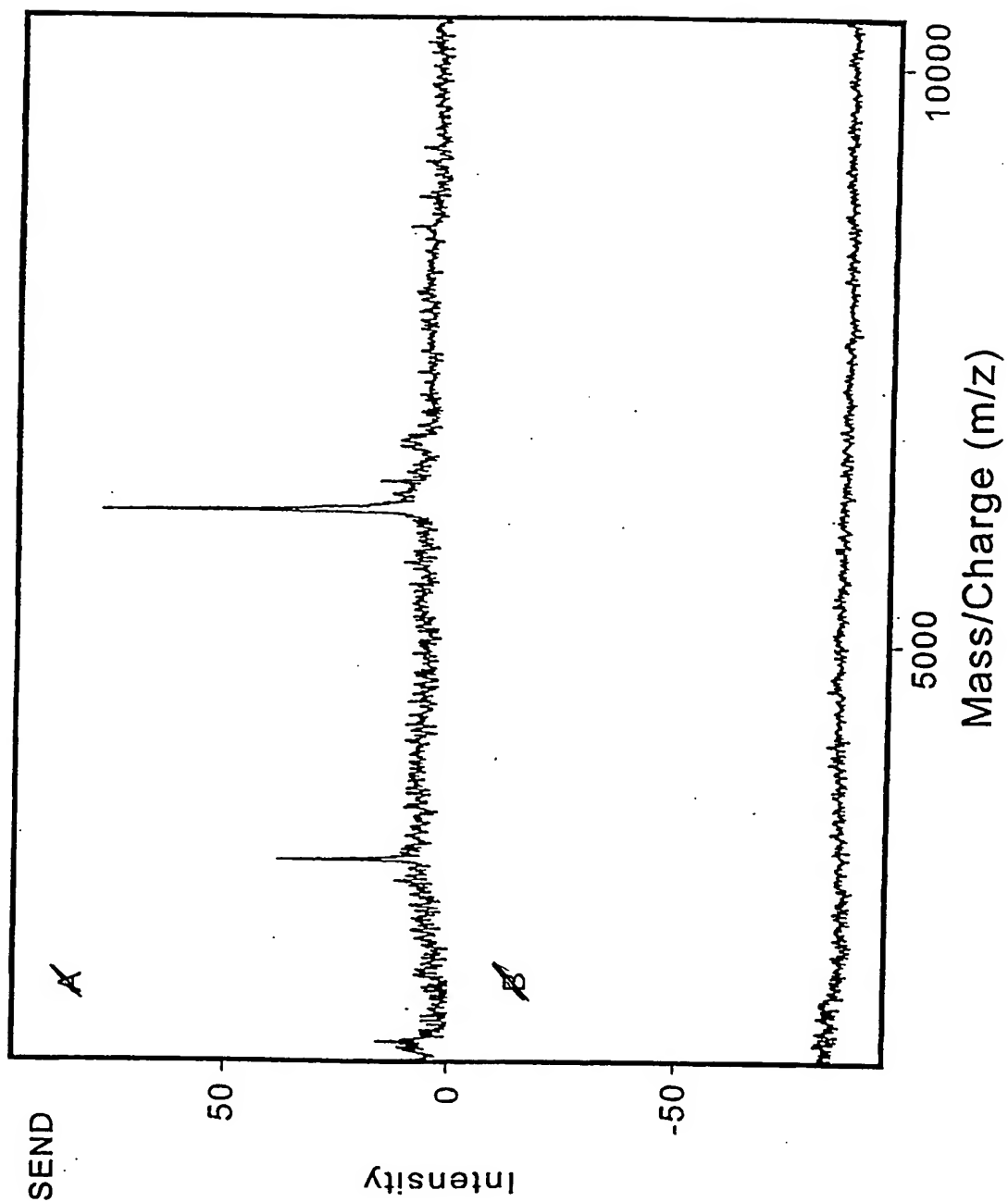


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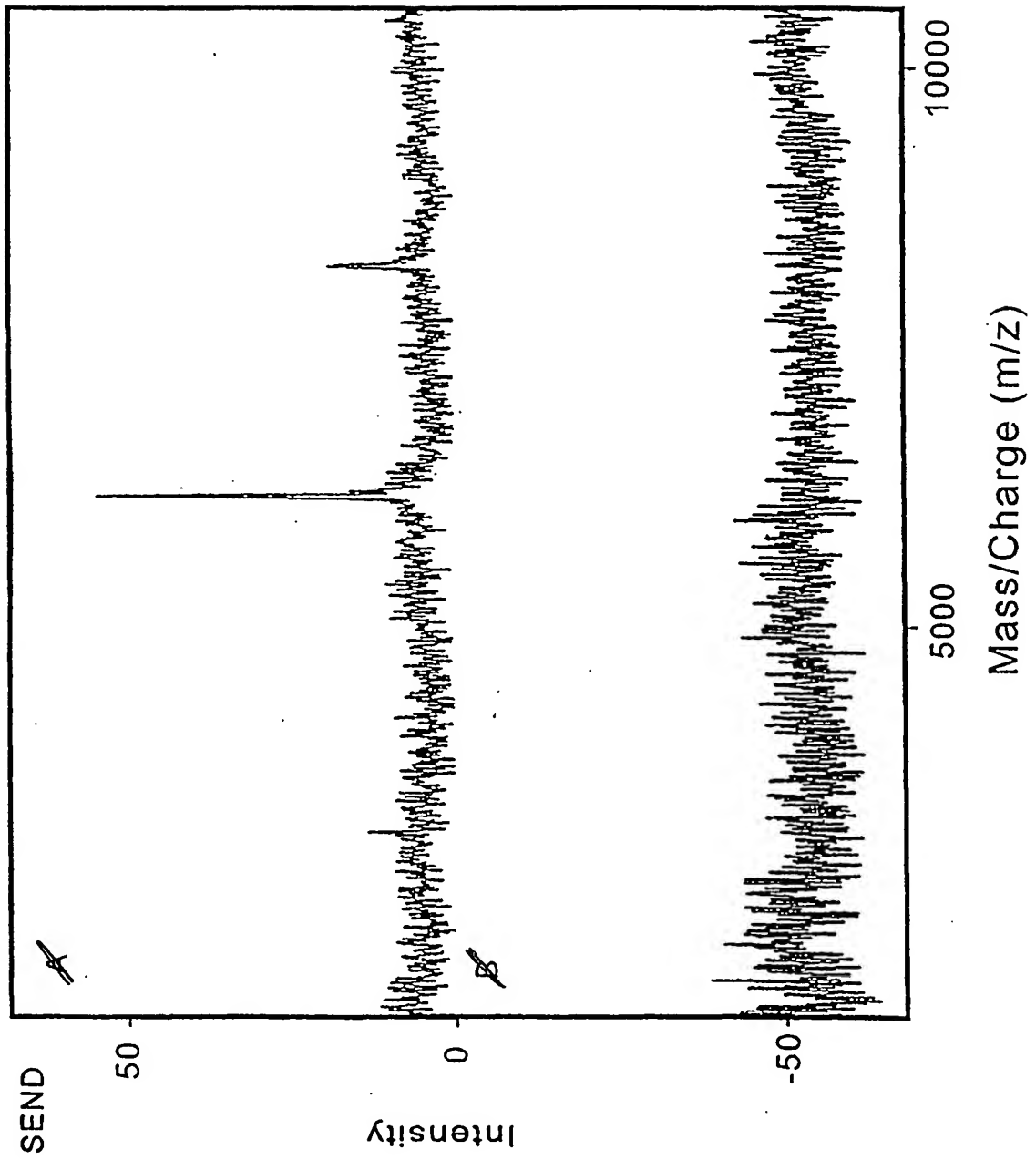


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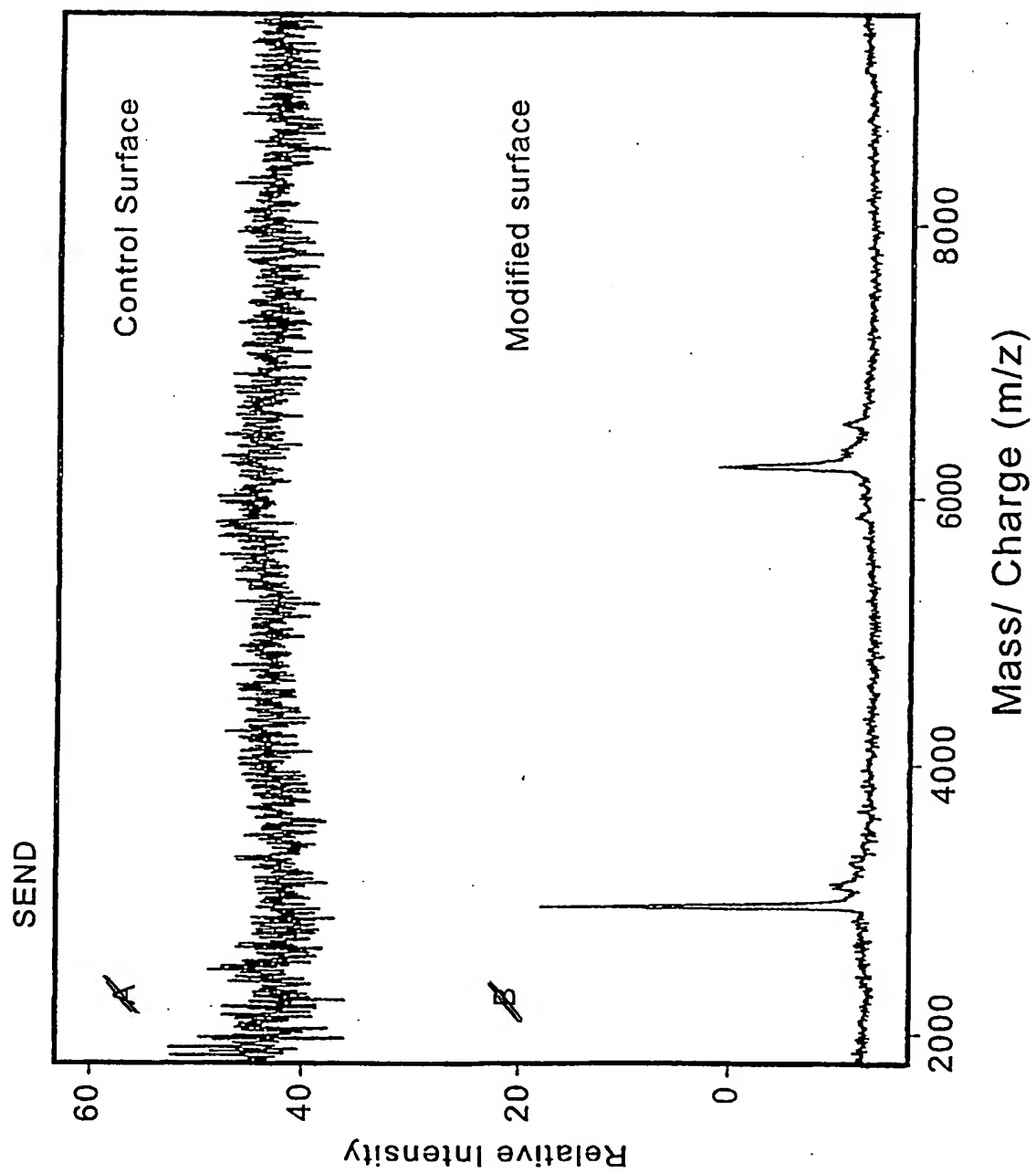


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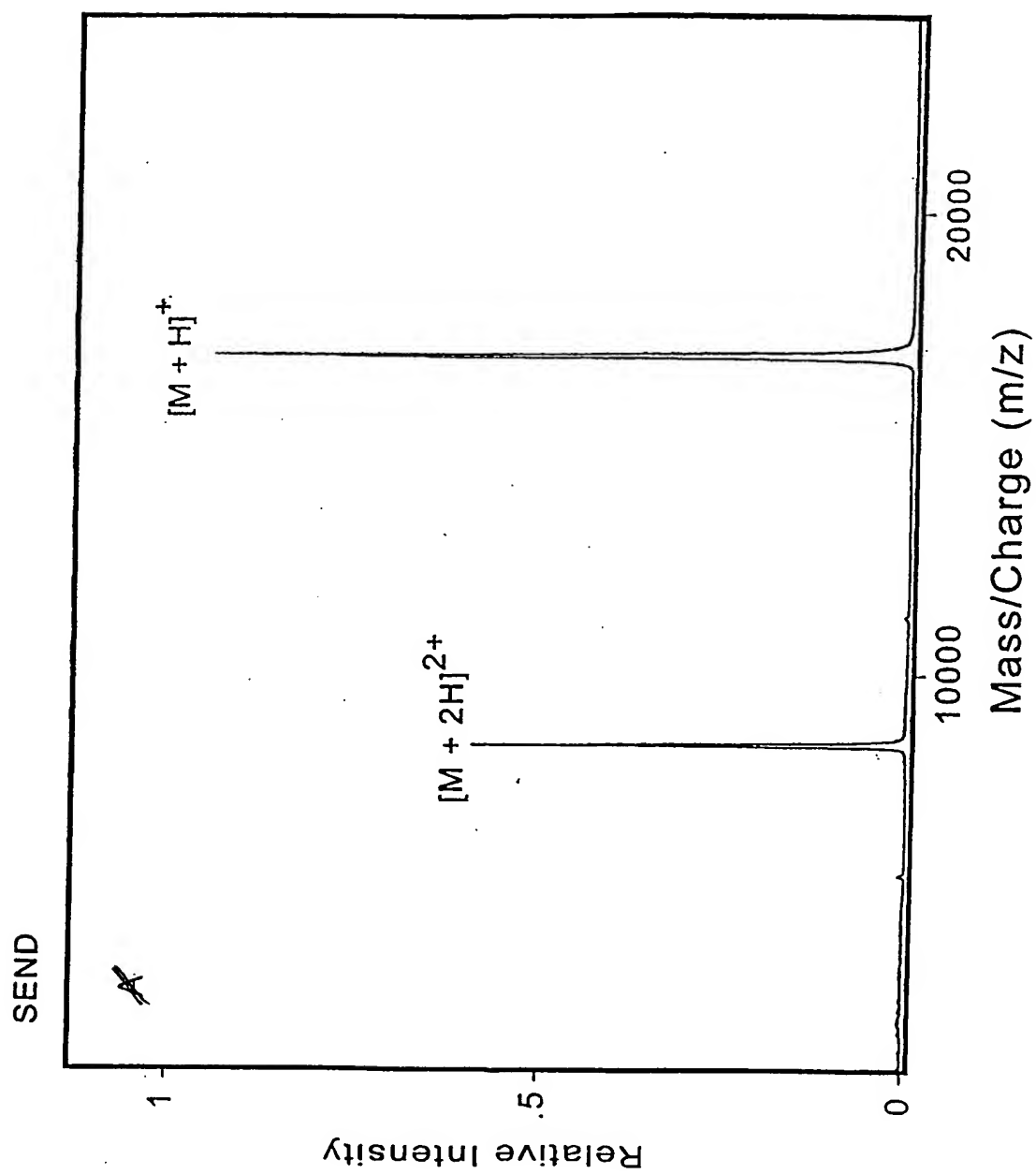


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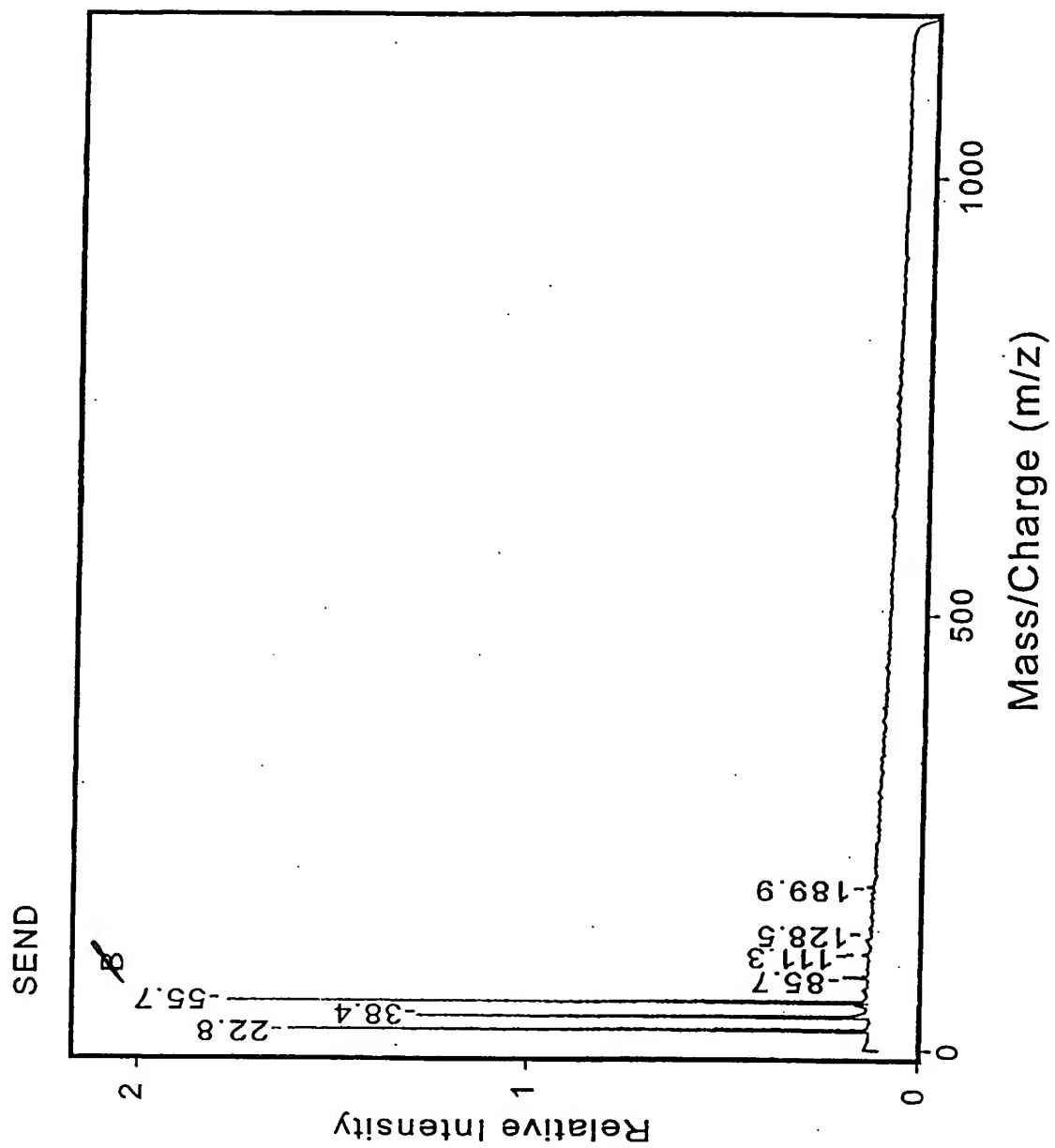


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